

For those of us attending our first Church Army conference it was a spiritual experience of tremendous magnitude. The sharing of worship, new ideas, common experiences and relaxation, made us more deeply aware that our Society is indeed a family within the wider family of the Church of God.

This awareness reached its climax on the last night of the conference when all present, to a greater or lesser degree, took part in the very ancient, yet very new, Healing Ministry of the Church.

Jesus commanded His disciples, the forefathers of all faithful people, to Preach, to Teach and to Heal in His Name, Mark 16vv. 15-19. For many centuries the Church did all three and then slowly the Healing Ministry dropped out of common usage, until it was considered to be a phenomena of the early Church only. In more recent years people of all shades of Christianity, inspired by the Holy Spirit, have brought the Healing Ministry back again to its proper and rightful place in the ministry of the Church.

A man largely responsible for doing this in Sydney is Canon Jim Glennon of St. Andrew's Cathedral. He is well known in Australia and beyond for his contribution to the Healing Ministry and for the Wednesday evening services of healing at the Cathedral. It was the privilege of the Church Army to have him lead a number of sessions on the topic at the conference.

His quiet and dignified presentation of a vast and complex subject, did much to reveal the essence of the Healing Ministry as it really is, to those present who were either "in the dark" about it all, or who had serious doubts about its value. Even those of us who share or have shared in this ministry either in parishes or other situations, found further enlightenment as to the theology and practice of it.

With a conviction based on personal experience, Canon Glennon stressed again and again the fact that the key to the Healing Ministry is the "Prayer of Faith". The acceptance of healing here and now, not just a future hope.

At the conclusion of the last session, officers and others who have had personal experience of this ministry, then gave their testimony of its effect in

their lives. Then, like a spark in dry grass, the Spirit moved and a Healing Service was held then and there.

As various ones went forward either for themselves or on behalf of others, certain of those present laid their hands upon them and said the prayer of faith. The Holy Spirit was indeed in the midst of us that night, working through the faith of those present. The bond of unity in the Spirit that some of us felt was beyond any expression of human language.

Many officers left the conference resolute in the conviction that God was calling them to exercise the Ministry of Healing in their respective fields of work.

May they be effective instruments for the glory of God and bring His Healing Touch to the souls, bodies and minds of those to whom they minister.

A Comment on Conference

From a Church Army Wife

As I receive more blessings as a result of the experiences of conference, my reaction seems to broaden from just a personal uplift in faith and happiness to a knowledge of real purpose and direction from the Holy Spirit to our Society as a whole. I know that God has filled the hearts of each officer with renewed challenge and a clearer vision of what He expects of them in the work of His Kingdom.

As I write this I feel such warmth and inner conviction of our Lord, I just feel like praising Him over and over again. I was very conscious of Christ at work in our men and women at conference and I feel convinced that we will see some astounding results as an outcome of the build-up of faith that God bestowed upon us during our times of sharing in worship, study, thinking and family togetherness.



COLLEGE YEAR — 1972

Captain Frank Clarke

women have equal rights and opportunities for ministry.

Included in this term's course is Unit One of the Family Life Movement's seminars which our students will do alongside clergy and other fulltime Church workers, becoming involved in a ministry where both men and women are needed.

All the students are assigned to regular Scripture Teaching classes. Two are teaching at the Manly-Warringah School for Crippled Children and the remainder at the French's Forest High School, another area of Church life where there are opportunities for both men and women.

The Church Army's long tradition of training and service for men and women of the Anglican Church, continues at the College at Belrose and we look forward to a year of involvement in the Church and the world as the Holy Spirit prepares us for the fulltime ministry of Evangelism.

The two first year students tell of their experiences which led them to offer for Church Army training and service.

DISCIPLESHIP

I was converted two years ago and it was not until I understood that love of God necessitates obedience to God that I found the joy of being a disciple of Christ.

I wanted to serve Him, so I prayed that He would show me how. A position in a children's home in Brisbane opened up. I was there for two years during which time I found how little I knew about sharing my faith.



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